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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application based on the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 25-27, 47-48, and 67-68 and 72-78 will be pending, of which claims 72-78 were newly added. In view of the above amendments, claims 29-30, 49-50, and 69-71 have been cancelled without disclaimer or prejudice to their later reentry (e.g., in a continuing application). Support for these amendments can be found throughout the specification.

Claims 25-27, 47-48, and 67-68 were rejected under 35 USC §112, first and second paragraphs. It is submitted that the Examiner's concerns have been taken into account in making the above amendments. Accordingly, the Applicants submit that the above amended claims are in full compliance with 35 USC §112.

Claim 25 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Kummer *et al.* (US 4,110,470), or Gapinski (US 4,996,230), or Chemical Abstract 115:1359180, or US 4,389,416. Additionally, claims 25, 47, 48, 67 and 68 remain rejected under this section as anticipated by Dygos *et al.*, J. Medicinal Chemistry, 1997, volume 20, p. 1705. In addition, claims 25, 26, 27, 48, and 67 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kummer *et al.* The Applicants submit that the amendments to the claims avoid the teaching and suggestions presented in the cited references. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections for the reasons set forth above.

Therefore, all objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants at the telephone number indicated below in order to expeditiously resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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